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SUBJECT: STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS

BEGIN SUMMARY. ON JANUARY 24 CHANCELLOR BRANDT GAVE THE BUNDESTAG AN UNINSPIRED HOUR REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE NATION. IT WAS DEVOID OF THE UNEXPECTED AND ALL BUT DEVOID OF INTEREST. ITS HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW (COMMENT BY SEPTEL). END SUMMARY

1. THE WORLD IS PRESENTLY IN A PHASE BETWEEN THE COLD WAR AND "NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP" WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY THERE IS A GENERAL PRICE EXPLOSION ACCOMPANIED BY SHORTAGES OF FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS. FRANCE'S DECISION TO FLOAT THE FRANC WAS A BLOW TO THE PROSPECTS OF A EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION BUT OUR STRIVING TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY IS NOT SHAKEN AND WE INTEND TO CIRCULATE A NEW PLAN FOR THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL FUND.

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2. AS THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD CAN BE SOLVED ONLY IF NARROW NATIONALISM IS AVOIDED, WE WELCOME THE OIL CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE U.S. AND SUGGEST THAT SOME OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH IMPORT OIL BE INCLUDED. NATO REMAINS ESSENTIAL TO EUROPEAN SECURITY AND WHILE THE ALLIANCE NEEDS NEW DEFINITION, THE U.S. REMAINS DECISIVE. THE DISENGAGEMENT AT THE SUEZ CANAL IS MOST WELCOME.

3. THE KEY TO THE STATE OF THE NATION REMAINS THE DDR, AND THOUGH THE DDR HARDENED ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE FRG IN 1973, NEVERTHELESS SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO BE DETERMINED AND PATIENT. THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, AS EXPECTED, HAS DECLARED THE BASIC TREATY WITH THE DDR TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL, AND THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN HAS GIVEN WEST BERLIN A SECURE FUTURE.

4. THOSE WHO IMPLY THAT THERE ARE DEGREES OF COMMITMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AMONG THE PARTIES IN THE BUNDESTAG DO THE NATION A DISSERVICE; THE COMMITMENT OF THE SPD AND THE FDP COULD NOT BE STRONGER. BUT THE CONSTITUTION ALSO CALLS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE THAT END WITH DETERMINATION: THUS WE HAVE PREPARED A NEW MARRIAGE LAW, NEW CRIMINAL STATUTES, A NEW HIGHER EDUCATION BILL, HAVE AGREED ON NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING PROFIT-SHARING AND CO-DETERMINATION IN INDUSTRY, AND INTEND, AS PROMISED, TO EFFECT TAX REFORM BY JAN 1, 1975.
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